

Community United Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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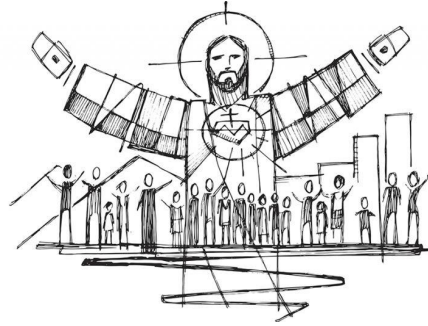


October 9, 2022

11:00 AM

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Day of Pentecost until the day before Advent, the Church is in the Season of Pentecost. Having moved beyond the holy days of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, we tend to call this long stretch of months: Ordinary Time. In truth, there is nothing "ordinary" about Ordinary Time. It is meant to be a period in the Church year when we intentionally seek to grow and flourish in faith. The green colors throughout the sanctuary symbolize that. So let us grow together in both Spirit and Love.

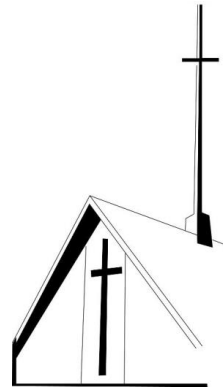


Today's Readings:

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Psalm 111

Luke 17:11-19



Theme: Restoration, Gratitude, and Faith

Pastoral Team:

Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty, Senior Pastor
Pastor Joy Johnson, Associate Minister

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Memorial Celebration for Ed Sopp

First Reading

Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself. ¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Responsorial

Psalm 111

One: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is God's work, and God's righteousness endures forever.

One: The Holy One has gained renown by wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious to the merciful.

All: The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy.

One: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

All: To revere the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understand. God's praise endures forever. Amen!



*Gloria

“Glory Be to God, Creator” #145

Glory be to God, Creator, glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, known as Three, yet God the One

As it was in the beginning, it is now and so shall be,
In a world without an ending, glory through eternity.

Holy, holy God Almighty! Holy, holy Prince of Peace!
Holy, holy Wind of Presence! Holy, holy, holy! Amen!

***Gospel**

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

One: This is the gospel of Christ for the people of God.

All: Come Holy Spirit! Thanks be to God!

Message

"Restoration, Gratitude, and Faith"

Pastor Rich



Song of Response

"Give Thanks" #359

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done—for us.

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Because of what the Lord has done—for us.

Give thanks!

(Repeat all)

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Pastor: People of God, come to the table! Christ promised that as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we not only remember him, but we commune with him by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

All: This is a table of grace. There is room around it for every soul that was, and is, and is to come. At this table, all who are far off are made very near. We come to the table as people who are learning the way of Christ. We confess that we are not always right. But we share this faith: that those who trust in Christ Jesus will grow in the assurance of God's eternal love.

Pastor: And so, here at this Table we take bread and cup and ask the Holy Spirit to make it for us: communion with Christ, who gave his life as the bread of heaven and as the cup of eternal life.

All: Here at this Table we remember that Christ gave his entire life as an outpouring of God's Love—a love that will, one day, renew all things. Amen.

Pastor: People of God, come to the table!

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer ("Debts and Debtors")

One: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

One: *Let us pray:* For the prayer requests that have come to us today, whether joys or sorrows.... [*prayer requests are presented*] ... Holy and Loving God, in your wisdom, meet all of these needs in the perfect way of your grace.

All: God hear our prayer!

One: That all who need a healing touch would receive it, and that we might all give thanks for it.

All: God hear our prayer!

One: For all who need special guidance and inspiration, that the Holy Spirit would come through in clear and unmistakable ways.

All: God hear our prayer!

One: For all that we hold in the silence of our hearts, we come to you in the confidence of quiet, O God, and lift our petitions privately to you. (*Silent prayer*)... Almighty God, Sovereign of Heaven, shower your blessings upon all people! Move the mountains in our lives, or help to move us so that we might be fully at peace. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...

All: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors—and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever." Amen.

Offering

Our offerings are first and foremost what we give to the world through justice, kindness, and mercy—and these we can do every day. Our offerings can also take the form of financial contributions to the church to support our ministries.

Financial offerings are now accepted online at:

www.communityunited.church/donate/

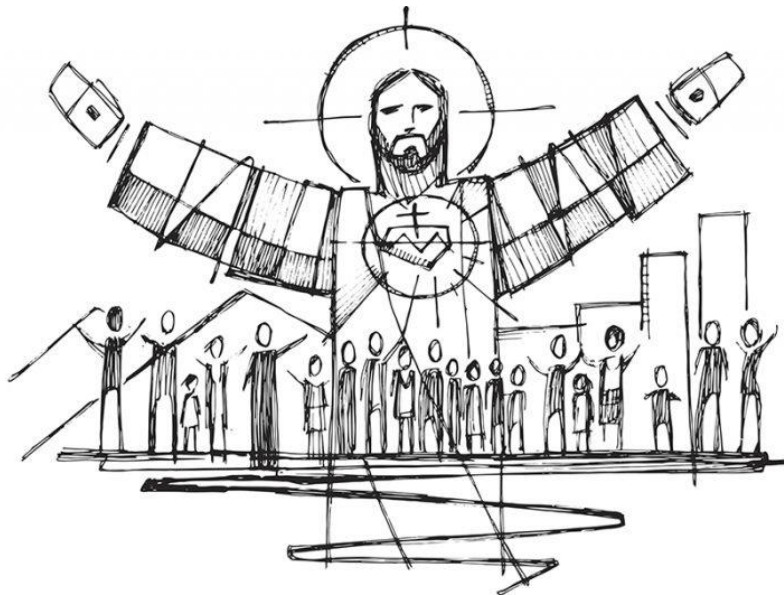
Or, if you prefer to mail in a check, that can be addressed to the church at:
1011 West 38th Street – Erie, PA 16508

Offertory Music and Time for Contemplation

*As the offertory music is played, let us stay together in a spirit of prayer and worship.
Open your hearts now to what Spirit is saying to you—and moving you to do in the
days that we have been given.*

*Congregational Response (BLUE) #147

***“Praise God, from whom all blessing flow:
Praise God, all creatures high and low:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known!
Creator, Word, and Spirit one!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!”***



*Departing Prayer

One: Holy and loving God, give us the inspiration and courage, now, to go out into the world empowered by love; and with the courage to be the body of Christ.

All: Holy Spirit, renew our church and renew each one of us! Illuminate us so that we might reflect your light to all; so that all might come into a deeper relationship with you. Amen!

*Blessing

*Closing Hymn "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #719

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.

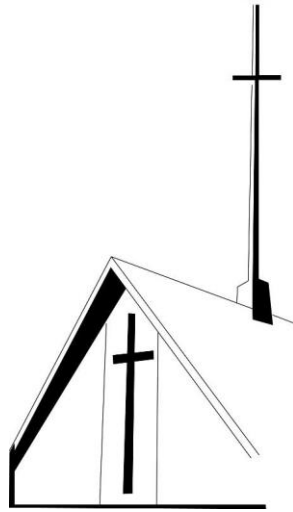
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touch him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here her tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace.
I, the Lord, will smile upon you and give you peace:
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.



**Thank you for worshipping with us this morning at
Community United Church!**



Next Sunday, October 16:
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Persistence in All Times

11:00 AM

Readings:

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Psalm 121

Luke 18:1-8

***Need to contact us for prayer, conversation, or to connect
with a small group or church ministry?***

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF PETE STRECKER AND GEORGE AND JUDY THOMPSON
FROM CHERYL STRECKER

THE SECOND ARRANGEMENT IS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER SISTER,
TERESA KURTY FROM CAROL RODGERS

THE THIRD FLORAL ARRANGEMENT IS GIVEN IN LOVING
MEMORY AND IN CELEBRATION OF THE GIFT OF ED SOPP.

THE WIND CHIMES ARE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED FRIEND ED,
TO HIS DAUGHTER KELLY, FROM THEIR FRIENDS AND
FAMILY HERE AT COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH

This Week:

October 10: Church Council 6:30 PM
October 11: The Liberty House Dinner 5:30
October 12: CANCELLED: Spirits and Spirituality
October 16: Sunday School 9:45 AM, Service Sunday 10:15 AM, Worship 11 AM and
Fall Fest 12:30

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES:

Jacob Snyder (Army), Nick Duncan (Army), Samantha McHenry (Army), Shelby Wescott
(Army) and Mathew Anderson (Army)

PRAYERS FOR:

Rod and Dew Johnson, Dan Wingerter, Jill, Phillip Harris, Harry Lamb, Jimmyo, Jimmy
Gillespie, Sue Scheiwer, Jesse, Brenda, Grace, John, Julie Davis, Diane Walker, George
Churley, Rose, Dick, Skinny, Tammy McIntyre, Robin Adams, Joannie, Brandie, Kathy
Koziol, Ralph Kester, Sharon Cooper, and Jerry and Kathy Koziol.

Council Members:

***Debbie Anderson (President), Bob Martin (VP), Dina Johnson (Secretary), Ginnie Burger (Treas.),
Mike Pruzinsky, April Knapp, Patti Rogers, Carol Rodgers, and Angel Hall***

Community United Church's

Fall

Fest



Face Painting, Food, Crafts & fun!

Sunday,
October

16

2022

12:30-2:30pm

1011 WEST 38TH STREET
FREE TO EVERYONE

We can't wait to see you there!

A watercolor illustration of autumn leaves and small orange flowers, similar to the one at the top of the page, positioned at the bottom of the flyer.